

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

September 13, 2022



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 2022. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Zone Change Request – ZC 2022-001 – Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager

The applicant has applied for a change in the zoning designation for 18 contiguous parcels located northwest of Prosser City Limits, west of County Rt 12, east of Missimer Rd, south of W Johnson Rd, and north of W Hoisington Rd from General Commercial to Urban Growth Area Residential District. The requested zone change would allow the existing residential uses on the properties to continue and would be in conformance under a residential zoning district. On August 9, 2022, at the conclusion of the open record hearing, the Planning Commission voted (5-0) to forward a recommendation of approval of the proposed zone change to the Board subject to the Planning Commission's suggested 12 findings and conclusions. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation, findings, and conclusions as its own and approve the zone change request ZC 2022-001. Motion carried.**

Zone Change Request – ZC 2022-002 – Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager

The applicant has applied for a change in zoning designation for 4 parcels in Benton City's Urban Growth Area, 3 that are west of Benton City limits in Section 12, Township 9 North, Range 26 East, with the fourth located north of Kennedy Road and east of the State Route 225 Yakima River Bridge in Section 20 Township 9 North, Range 27 East, from Rural Lands Five Acre District to Urban Growth Area Residential District. The requested zone change would allow the existing residential uses on the properties to continue and would be in conformance under a residential zoning district. On August 9, 2022, at the conclusion of the open record hearing, the Planning Commission voted (5-0) to forward a recommendation of approval of the proposed zone change to the Board subject to the Planning Commission's suggested 12 findings and conclusions. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation, findings, and conclusions as its own and approve the zone change request ZC 2022-002. Motion carried.**

Zone Change Request – ZC 2022-003 – Michelle Cooke, Planning Manager

The applicant has applied for a change in zoning designation for 8 parcels located in the City of West Richland's Urban Growth Area, 4 between W Lattin Road and W Kennedy Road, west of Bombing Range Road in Section 18, Township 9 North, Range 28 East. The other 4 parcels are south of E Ruppert Road in Section eight 2, Township 9 North, Range 27 East, from Rural Lands Five Acre District to Urban Growth Area Residential District. On August 9, 2022, at the conclusion of the open record hearing, the Planning Commission voted (5-0) to forward a recommendation of approval of the proposed zone change to the Board subject to the Planning Commission's suggested 12 findings and conclusions. **The Board moved and seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's recommendation, findings, and conclusions as its own and approve the zone change request ZC 2022-003. Motion carried.**

Scheduled Business

Therapeutic Courts Presentation – District Court Judge James Bell

The Therapeutic Courts team presented an update to the Board regarding the current state of the Therapeutic Courts programs and to share in the successes of the programs. Mental Health Court recently celebrated a milestone of graduating its 100th participant in April, and currently has 55 participants and 119 graduates with a recidivism rate of 11%, well below the Drug Court national average of 30%. Veterans Therapeutic Court recently celebrated its third year of operation. 39 veterans have graduated to-date with a 5% recidivism rate, well below the Drug Court national average of 30%. Veterans Court continues to collaborate with the Columbia Basin Veterans Center for the Mentor Program and serves as an invaluable resource for participants. Therapeutic Courts is very excited to launch the new Recovery Court for individuals with misdemeanor criminal charges that are related to a substance use disorder. Judge Azure will preside

over the court and a new Behavioral Health Specialist should be starting soon for that program. By following evidence-based practices, Therapeutic Courts is helping to reduce the strain on the Benton County Corrections Department by using alternatives to incarceration whenever possible. Additionally, problem solving courts save the county and taxpayers an average of \$6,000 per person versus traditional criminal prosecution. **No Board direction or vote.**

Ratifying Purchase of 5 Police Interceptors for Sheriff's Office – Michael McGhan, Fleet Manager

The Sheriff's Office has 5 vehicles that are showing excessive wear and need replacing. Currently, the five vehicles needing to be replaced are not in the ER&R replacement program. However, per Resolution 2020-808, which adopted the new ER&R Fund Policy, all vehicles purchased will be managed and maintained by ER&R. Therefore, all five replacement vehicles will be placed in the ER&R replacement program. The vehicles to be replaced are as follows: #S15-07 – 2015 Ford SUV; #S15-02 – 2015 Ford SUV; #S15-08 – 2015 Ford SUV; #S13-06 – 2013 Chevy SUV; and #S14-04 – 2014 Ford SUV. The five vehicles being purchased for replacements are 2023 Ford Police Interceptor AWD Pursuit-Rated Utility/SUV's. Upfitting of the vehicles will be done by Day Wireless under a different resolution. Due to the critical nature of needing these vehicles and the changing window to order, the Fleet Manager, with approval from County Administration, placed the order for five vehicles on August 30, 2022, prior to receiving board authorization to do so. Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai, Longview, WA is the current state contract vehicle vendor and has all five vehicles available for purchase off Washington State Contract No. 05916. The County is a member of other Cooperative Purchasing groups, such as Sourcewell and HGAC. Staff has checked to see if a better price could be obtained utilizing another purchasing group, however, these vehicles are not available on those contracts. A Purchase Agreement has been prepared, reviewed, and approved by our Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and signed by Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai. **The Board moved and seconded to ratify the purchase of 5 2023 Ford Police Interceptors for use by the Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 excluding WSST from Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai, utilizing Washington State Contract No. 05916, and place the vehicles in the ER&R replacement program. Motion carried.**

Ratifying Purchase of 7 Police Interceptors for Sheriff's Office – Michael McGhan, Fleet Manager

On March 15, 2022, the Board passed Resolution 2022-200 authorizing the purchase of 7 2022 Ford Police Interceptors AWD Pursuit-Rated Utility/SUV's from Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai utilizing Washington State Contract No. 05916 for use by the Sheriff's Office. This order was cancelled on August 31, 2022, by Ford and will not be manufactured. Given that the 2023 orders would likely close early, and to ensure that we have the vehicles that we need, the Fleet Manager reordered 7 2023 Ford Police Interceptors AWD Pursuit-Rated Utility/SUV's to replace the 2022 Ford Police Interceptor orders that were cancelled. The cost of the new 2023 Ford Police Interceptors has increased by \$67,299. An Amended Purchase Agreement has been prepared to allow the purchase of these vehicles utilizing Washington State Contract No. 05916, has been approved by our Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, and has been signed by Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai. Once the vehicles are received, they will be upfitted by Day Wireless under a separate Resolution. In accordance with the Benton County 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 amend Resolution 2022-200 and ratify the purchase of 7 2023 Ford Police Interceptors for use by the Sheriff's Office in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 excluding WSST from Bud Clary Ford/Hyundai, utilizing Washington State Contract No. 05916 and place the vehicles in the ER&R replacement program and authorize the Chairman to sign the amended purchase agreement. Motion carried.**

Other Business

Recognition of Employees' Years of Service – Commissioners

The Commissioners recognized multiple employees for their 15, 20, or 25 years of service to the County.

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