

MINUTES

BOARD OF BENTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Regular Board Meeting

Benton County Courthouse, Prosser, WA

Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting provided in-person, by Video Live-Broadcast and Telephonically via/WebEx

Present: Chairman Will McKay
Commissioner Jerome Delvin
Commissioner Michael Alvarez
County Administrator Jerrod MacPherson
Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy County Administrator Matt Rasmussen; Robert Heard, IT Manager; Tim Brown, IT; Adam Fyall, Sustainable Development Manager; Public Works Manager Matt Mahoney; Clerk Josie Delvin; Treasurer Ken Spencer; Finance Manager Linda Ivey; Steve Caughey, Security; Auditor Brenda Chilton.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of August 15, 2023 were approved.

Review Agenda

No changes.

Public Comment

The Clerk of the Board read the new Public Comments Procedures into the record.

Commissioner Alvarez commented that they heard from Mr. Atkins last week that the Board had to respond back in the public meeting. He said it was very common in state and local agencies to respond by email, in person, or by phone, either by a member of the Board or by staff, and that it did not need to be in person during the board meeting.

Commissioner Alvarez commented that it might be appropriate for the Commissioners to respond at the end of the agenda if they desired.

Commissioner Delvin said he met with Mr. Atkins and had a good discussion. He said he had some valid questions, and some have been addressed. However, he told him to be patient as they worked through some of the concerns or questions.

Commissioner Alvarez said he also met with him, and he told him that it could take some time to get him the answers he wanted.

Chairman McKay said they could also reach out by email, because sometimes constituents would send an email, and they would reply, if they could.

Michelle Gerber, President of the Recovery Coalition, spoke in favor of the award of the Three Rivers Behavioral Health Recovery Center Project and requested the Board move quickly.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Delvin moved to approve the consent agenda items “a” through “r”, with “n” being the “Award of the Three Rivers Behavioral Health Recovery Center Project to Bouten Construction Co.” Commissioner Alvarez seconded and upon vote, the Board approved the following:

Auditor

- a. Accounts Payable ~ Check Posting List for 08/09/23
- b. Accounts Payable ~ Check Posting List for 08/11/23
- c. Payroll ~ Check Posting List for 08/15/23

Commissioners

- d. Amended Interlocal Agreement & Bylaws of the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments
- e. Verizon Wireless Radiofrequency Safety Plan Relating to the Old Kennewick General Hospital & Former Auburn Campus
- f. Letter of Assurance to the Health Resources & Services Administration for the Recovery Center Project
- g. Surplus and Disposition of Personal Property

Human Resources

- h. Forgiveness of Outstanding Debt Related to Compliance Agreement w/Teamsters Union
- i. Reclassifications and Salary Placements of Administrative Staff in the Commissioners’ Office; Rescinding Resolution 2023-588

Human Services

- j. Agreement w/Community Action Committee for Projects Under the WA State Community Development Block Grant

Juvenile

- k. Contract Amendment No.1 w/Apollo Mechanical Contractors Facility Service for HVAC Maintenance Services
- l. Contract w/Karyn Oldfield for Attorney Representation of Persons in Becca Dockets

Public Works

- m. Accepting Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant from WA State Dept. of Ecology

Purchasing

- n. Award of the Three Rivers Behavioral Health Recovery Center Project to Bouten Construction Co.
- o. Purchase of Three Ford Trucks from Clary Longview, LLC for Planning & Public Works Depts.
- p. Purchase of Guardrail, Terminals, Cable & Components from Coral Sales Co. for Public Works
- q. Payment to Meier Enterprises, Inc. for the Autopsy Ventilation System Upgrade Project

Sheriff

- r. Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0010, Dept. 125

Other Business

ECA Meeting

Commissioner Delvin commented on his attendance at the ECA Meeting regarding national parks in Los Alamos and they agreed to cooperate in working on the national park system.

CARES

Commissioner Delvin said he met with a few members of the CARES group, and they were trying to get a witness to testify on the fire and vision issues. He said the cost would end up being around \$25,000 to \$30,000, if the witness qualified, and he said he would bring it up to the Board to see if it could be addressed somehow.

Benton/Franklin Fair & Rodeo

Commissioner Alvarez commented that today kicked off the annual 2023 Benton/Franklin Fair & Rodeo and he hoped to see everyone there.

Public Comment - Continued

Tina Gregory, via/WebEx, tried to make public comment, but there were technical difficulties.

Certificate of Appreciation

The Board presented Cami McKenzie with a Certificate of Appreciation for her 23 plus years of service.

Elected Officials

Commissioner Alvarez thought it was a good idea to allow Elected Officials the opportunity to give presentations to the Board, if they desired.

Tort Claim

CC 2023-12: Received from Timothy Phillips on August 16, 2023

Payroll

Check Date: 08/15/2023

Payroll Draw Checks
Total All Funds \$114,559.90
Direct Deposit # 182645-182784

Payroll Draw Deduction Transfers
Total All Funds \$21,121.18
ACH # 1084

Accounts Payable

Check Date: 08/09/2023

Transfers #: 1078
Total all funds: \$371,901.94

Warrants #: 248315-248406
Total all funds: \$732,185.50

Transfers #: 1061, 1064-1067, 1071-1072
Total all funds: \$15,667.13

Resolutions

- 2023-589: Amended Interlocal Agreement & Bylaws of the Benton-Franklin Council of Governments
- 2023-590: Verizon Wireless Radiofrequency Safety Plan Relating to the Old Kennewick General Hospital & Former Auburn Campus
- 2023-591: Letter of Assurance to the Health Resources & Services Administration for the Recovery Center Project
- 2023-592: Surplus and Disposition of Personal Property
- 2023-593: Forgiveness of Outstanding Debt Related to Compliance Agreement w/Teamsters Union

- 2023-594: Reclassifications and Salary Placements of Administrative Staff in the Commissioners' Office; Rescinding Resolution 2023-588
- 2023-595: Agreement w/Community Action Committee for Projects Under the WA State Community Development Block Grant
- 2023-596: Contract Amendment No.1 w/Apollo Mechanical Contractors Facility Service for HVAC Maintenance Services
- 2023-597: Contract w/Karyn Oldfield for Attorney Representation of Persons in Becca Dockets
- 2023-598: Accepting Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance Grant from WA State Dept. of Ecology
- 2023-599: Award of the Three Rivers Behavioral Health Recovery Center Project to Bouten Construction Co.
- 2023-600: Purchase of Three Ford Trucks from Clary Longview, LLC for Planning & Public Works Depts.
- 2023-601: Purchase of Guardrail, Terminals, Cable & Components from Coral Sales Co. for Public Works
- 2023-602: Payment to Meier Enterprises, Inc. for the Autopsy Ventilation System Upgrade Project
- 2023-603: Line Item Transfer, Fund No. 0010, Dept. 125

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 a.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman