



Minutes – Board of County Commissioners

Special Board Meeting
Benton County Administration Building
Commissioners' Hearing Room, Kennewick, WA
Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 3:00 PM
Meeting provided in-person, by Video Live-Broadcast and Telephonically via/WebEx

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

Benton County Employees Present During All or a Portion of the Meeting: Deputy County Administrator, Matt Rasmussen; Information Technologies Manager, Robert Heard; Human Resources Manager, Carlee Nave; Sustainable Development Manager, Adam Fyall; Prosecuting Attorney, Eric Eisinger; Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Ryan Brown; Risk Manager, Adam Morasch; Finance Manager, Linda Ivey; Chief Financial Officer-Sheriff's Office, Katie Gillies; Information Technology Supervisor, Cody Shelton; Communications Coordinator, Glenn Vaagen; Patrol Lieutenant Michael Clark; Sheriff, Tom Croskrey; Commander, Lee Cantu; Sergeant, Justin Gerry, Undersheriff, Jon Law

Scheduled Business

Presentation of Benton County Sheriff's Office Facial Recognition Accountability Report **Lieutenant Michael Clark, and Sheriff Tom Croskrey**

Sheriff Croskrey and Lieutenant Clark presented a PowerPoint on Clearview AI facial recognition technology. They shared that the technology would not have live tracking capabilities. They also shared examples of existing cases where the software could be used to lead to quicker arrests.

Lt. Clark clarified the process of holding public hearings and allowing for a public comment period as well as the reasoning behind holding this meeting.

After the presentation, the floor was open to allow for questions from the Board.

Commissioner Delvin had questions about a potential form that would be completed as a part of the process for record keeping and auditing purposes.

Commissioner Alvarez shared his concerns regarding privacy, liability relating to the risk pool insurance coverage, and the shared use of the technology between Benton County and other entities within this area.

Commissioner McKay asked questions about the technology being used within the cities and outside of the county, as well as the auditing process.

Prosecuting Attorney, Eric Eisinger, answered questions about liability.

Further discussion with no action taken by the Board.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:22 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

Chairman