

WEEKLY REVIEW

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 12, 2021



This document is a weekly review of the Board of County Commissioners meeting, Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Information related to agenda changes, Consent Agenda, and Public Comment are on the [County website](#).

Public Hearing

Eaton Park Improvement Club, Inc. Franchise Renewal – Cristina Woods, Engineering Technician III

Benton County has received an application to renew a Franchise Order and Agreement for a domestic water system and associated facilities from Eaton Park Improvement Club, Inc. Public Works recommends approval of the agreement, subject to the six (6) items listed in the report. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the Franchise Order and Agreement with Eaton Park Improvement Club, Inc., subject to the six (6) items listed in the report to the Commissioners. Motion carried.**

Scheduled Business

Request to Proceed w/ Bid Process for Moderate Risk Waste Facility Retrofit Project – Doug D'Hondt, County Engineer & Blanca Parham, Assistant Operations Manager

The Benton County Public Works Department, Solid Waste Division, has been working towards obtaining a moderate risk waste facility (MRWF), since the previous one was destroyed by a fire in 2010. The purpose of the facility is to serve the residents of Benton County with proper disposal of household hazardous waste. A feasibility study was completed in 2015 that indicated the former Benton County Road Department maintenance shop, located at 1709 S. Ely Street in Kennewick, could be retrofitted into a MRWF. The final design for the retrofit has been reviewed and approved for construction from Benton-Franklin Health District and Washington State Department of Ecology, which are required for this type of facility. A project estimate was updated in April 2021 by HDR Engineering in the amount of \$1,249,612.00, including W.S.S.T. and soft costs. The Solid Waste Fund currently has \$1,294,651.19 remaining in the budget for this project. If the costs of the project go beyond the budgeted amount, Solid Waste is able to utilize the 2021- 2023 Local Solid Waste Financial Assistance grant through Washington State Department of Ecology. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the advertisement and bid process for Bid No. CB 21-07 Moderate Risk Waste Facility (MRWF) Retrofit Project. Motion carried.**

Zone Change Requests – Michelle Cooke, Assistant Planning Manager

Knutzen Engineering has submitted two (2) applications for request for zone changes:

1. ZC 2021-001: Change in zoning designation on five (5) contiguous parcels located on the north side of State Route 397 in the rural Finley area from Rural Lands Five Acre and Heavy Industrial to General Commercial. The Planning Commission conducted an open record hearing on September 14, 2021 concluding with a positive recommendation to the Board to adopt the twelve (12) findings and conclusions.
2. ZC 2021-002: Change in zoning designation on two (2) parcels, legally described as Lots 1 and 2 of Short Plat 3669, which are located on the north side of E Wiser Pkwy and west of E Detrick PR SE, in unincorporated Benton County, from Light Industrial to Interchange Commercial. The Planning Commission conducted an open record hearing on September 14, 2021 concluding with a positive recommendation to the Board to adopt the eleven (11) findings and conclusions.

The Board moved and seconded to adopt the Planning Commission's Recommendations, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions as the Board's own and approve the zone change requests ZC 2021-001 and ZC 2021-002 as recommended by the Planning Commission. Motions carried.

Other Business

Re-Hire of Former Sheriff's Office Employee – Sheriff Croskrey & Lieutenant Magnuson

The Sheriff's Office is seeking to re-hire a former long-term employee of the office, who departed for another agency, to begin at the wage said employee was at upon their departure rather than starting at the beginning of the salary range. This employee was with Benton County for 17 years in the Sheriff's Office and will bring back invaluable knowledge, skills, and expertise to the office. **The Board moved and seconded to approve the salary request statement as presented. Motion carried.**

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