

RESOLUTION

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON:

IN THE MATTER OF RE-ESTABLISHING THE BENTON COUNTY LAW AND JUSTICE COUNCIL, DEFINING AND APPOINTING MEMBERSHIP, AND RESCINDING RESOLUTION 98-266

WHEREAS, Chapter 72.09.300 authorizes a county legislative authority to establish a local law and justice council; and

WHEREAS, the Benton County Law and Justice Council was originally created by Resolution 93-147 and re-established by Resolution 98-266 wherein initial members were appointed; and,

WHEREAS, tracking membership of the Council has become increasingly troublesome;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Benton County Law and Justice Council be re-established and empowered according to RCW 72.09.300 with membership of the Benton County Law and Justice Council as follows:

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- a. One designee from each municipal police department within Benton County, including Richland, Kennewick, West Richland, and Prosser;
- b. The city attorneys from Richland, Kennewick, West Richland, Benton City, and Prosser;
- c. One designee from each city legislative authority within Benton County, including Richland, Kennewick, West Richland, Benton City, and Prosser;
- d. One designee from the Benton/Franklin Superior Courts;
- e. One designee from the Benton County District Court;
- f. One designee from the Secretary of the Washington Department of Corrections;
- g. A minimum of three additional members from the public at large who are Benton County citizens not employed by Benton County or any city in Benton County shall be appointed by the Benton County Board of Commissioners; and,
- h. The following Benton County officials or their designees: Prosecutor, Benton County Commissioner, Sheriff, Jail Captain, Risk Manager, Superior Court Clerk, Coroner, and Juvenile Court Administrator; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the membership roster for the Council shall henceforth be maintained and updated by the Board of Commissioners. Members shall be required to provide, in writing, to the Board of Commissioners their names and the name(s) of their designees should they desire to have a designated representative(s). Only those names on the membership roster shall have voting powers within the Council; and,

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in addition to those duties outlined by statute, that the Benton County Law and Justice Council shall provide an initial forum where agencies providing law and justice services in Benton County can plan and coordinate initial participation and action while at the same time develop clear statements of existing problems, research alternatives, conduct need assessments, and collect, synthesize and disseminate technical information and data; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners may invite representatives from the Council to its meetings in which action will be taken involving law and justice issues; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of County Commissioners may request and accept formal written recommendations from the Council when desired by said Board and the Council shall promptly act upon such request through official Council resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Resolution 98-266 is hereby rescinded.

Dated this 21st day of Aug, 192000

Mr. E. Bentley
Chairman of the Board.
Leo M. Bouemon
Member.
Charles L. Clark
Member.

Constituting the Board of County Commissioners of Benton County, Washington.

Attest: *Jeri Lynn Cabbage*
Clerk of the Board

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