

COMMISSIONERS RECORD 43
FRANKLIN COUNTY
Commissioners' Proceeding for December 4, 2002

Recess at 10:23 a.m.

Reconvened at 10:30 a.m.

DEPUTY PROSECUTORS

Deputy Prosecutors Darin Campbell and Heidi Ellerd met with the Board.

Tri-City Herald Reporter Brent Champaco was present in the audience.



Mosquito District

The Board reviewed a resolution saying the County is considering creating a Mosquito Control district. The district can include the Cities of Pasco, Connell, Kahlotus and Mesa. Ms. Ellerd does not think the cities can opt out. If there is a majority vote, it would be enacted. Mr. Brock said letters have been sent to all four cities asking them about being included in a Mosquito Control District. Connell wanted to be included. Kahlotus and Mesa did not respond. Pasco would be willing to contract but were not interested in belonging directly.

Ms. Ellerd said the resolution includes the entire area of the county to be considered at the public hearing. Then after the hearing, you can consider changing the boundaries. By statute, the Board has to pass a resolution first to set a public hearing. It will be held on January 8 at 10:00 a.m. It can be continued. There is a period of time allowed for the Board to make a decision. At the end of that time, the Board has to decide whether you are going to have a district and what the boundaries would be, then go to the voters. The cities can give input but the decision would be up to all voters in the county, not the city councils.

The Board reviewed the proposed resolution. Mrs. Corkrum mentioned that the West Nile virus is driving this idea. There is a new purpose for having a Mosquito Control District.

Motion – Mrs. Miller: I move the approval of a resolution of intent to create a mosquito control district in Franklin County, Washington. This is Resolution 2002-482. Second by Mrs. Corkrum. 3:0 vote in favor. (Exhibit 7)

Public Notice will be made for three consecutive weeks in the Tri-City Herald and the Franklin County Graphic. Ms. Ellerd said if the Board does make a decision on

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January 8, the boundaries can be set on that date and then the election or vote can be held 30 days later so it would be in mid February. The Board can continue the hearing for a decision for two months if you'd like. The Board expressed appreciation for Ms. Ellerd's work.

MINUTES

Motion – Mrs. Corkrum: I move we approve Commissioner Proceedings for November 20 and November 25, 2002. Second by Mrs. Miller. 3:0 vote in favor.

TRAC

TRAC Manager Ray Ritari met with the Board.

Event Update

The Open Skating at TRAC had attendance of 443 people, about 100 at a time. We ran out of some sizes of skates. We were at maximum. The biggest crowd was on Thanksgiving night.

Other recent events are listed with numbers attending in parentheses: Titan Games (350), Brent Palmer Jackpot Roping (180), TCAHA (20), Tri-Cities Chaplaincy breakfast (750), TCAHA/Titans practices (860). No one came for open riding. Open Riding will be held again tonight. Tri-Cities Chaplaincy has booked for next year also.

The OR-WA Hispanic Dance was cancelled by a phone call on Friday afternoon for a Saturday night dance. Another event was available that could have been put in that time slot.

Upcoming events are: Open riding, Ski Club, TCAHA, Prosecuting Attorneys Retreat, Brent Palmer Roping, Battelle Banquet, Barrel Racing and TCAHA/Titans practices.

Budget Report

November-December Revenue Projections sheet was reviewed.

October 2002 Budget Report was reviewed.