

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11

VOUCHER PREAPPROVAL AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, the monthly payment of the District's vouchers occasionally requires the issuance and approval of the vouchers prior to the Board of Commissioner's regular monthly meetings to insure timely processing by Benton County.

Under normal procedure vouchers are approved by the Board of Commissioners at its regular scheduled monthly meeting.

The schedule of the meetings of the Board of Commissioners and the time required for issuance of warrants, occasionally restricts the ability of the Board to approve qualifying vouchers at its regular meeting, and still pay the underlying invoices in a prompt and timely manner.

RCW 42.24.180 authorizes a procedure where the existing problem could be resolved.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, to accomplish the purposes expressed above and to comply with RCW 42.24.180 it is resolved by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

1. The procedure for payment of claims prior to approval by the Board of Commissioners shall apply to any individual claims against the District under \$50,000 that the District's Secretary determines need to be approved prior to the Board's regular meeting "qualifying vouchers."
2. The District's Secretary and the Fire Chief or Chair and Vice-Chair are designated as officers to sign the qualifying vouchers.
3. Each employee or commissioner authorized to sign the qualifying vouchers shall obtain, at District expense, an official bond in the amount of no less than \$50,000 to secure the faithful discharge of their respective duties under this resolution.
4. In the preparation of the qualifying vouchers, the staff shall follow and adhere to established District policies and procedures.
5. The District's Secretary shall audit and approve the qualifying vouchers each month and the Fire Chief shall sign the qualifying vouchers. In the absence of the Fire Chief any single commissioner may sign the qualifying vouchers. Staff shall then submit the preapproved qualifying vouchers to Benton County.
6. The District's Secretary shall submit to the Board at its regular monthly meeting a full and complete report of all claims paid on vouchers approved and signed pursuant to this Resolution.
7. In the event that a warrant is issued on an erroneous voucher the District's Secretary and Fire Chief shall cause the disapproved payment to be recognized as a receivable and shall diligently pursue collection of the erroneous payment or take such other action as may be directed by the Board of Commissioners.

ADOPTED, at the regular meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of West Benton Regional Fire Authority on this 3rd day of November 2020

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ATTEST:

Jessica Trevino, District Secretary