



# FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
AND PUBLIC HEARING  
AUGUST 27, 2019

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7:00 p.m.

## **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Commission Chairman Robert Koch called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., in the Commissioners' Meeting Room in the Franklin County Courthouse located at 1016 North Fourth Avenue, Pasco, Washington.

**Commissioners Present:** Commission Chair Robert Koch, Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck and Member Clint Didier

**Staff Present:** County Administrator Keith Johnson, Auditor Matt Beaton, Coroner Curtis McGary, Chief Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jennifer Johnson, Human Resources Director Carlee Nave, Chief Deputy Auditor Jeff A. Burckhard, Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten, County Engineer Craig Erdman, Chief Deputy Treasurer Ruslan Stetskiy, and Acting Clerk of the Board Amanda Pearson.

7:01 p.m. **Public Hearing**

## **Wolf-Determination of Significance & Request for Comments on Scope of EIS**

Planning and Building Director Derrick Braaten gave the following background to the public hearing.

On May 14, 2019, Mike Livingston, with WDFW, provided an update to the Board of County Commissioners regarding wolves in Washington State. During that presentation, Mr. Livingston stated that the Federal Government was proposing to delist grey wolves in the lower 48-states. He also indicated that the State's Wolf Management & Conservation Plan, adopted in December, 2011, regarding the management of wolves in Washington, was a relative success, such that wolves in Washington State appear to have "recovered", and it will be necessary to develop a "post-recovery"

On August 1, 2019, Franklin County received notice of the Determination of Significance (DS) and Request for Comments regarding the proposed scope of the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for the Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife (WDFW) Wolf Post-Recovery Plan. This is a request for the public, affected jurisdictions, and agencies, to provide comments regarding, in part, what the Wolf Post-Recovery Plan environmental study should include/investigate.

The Planning & Building Department Director, acting as Franklin County's SEPA Lead Official, will compile substantive comments received, either in writing or verbally at the public hearing, and prepare an official response. To be included in the official response, such comments must be submitted by September 2, 2019. The public can also comment directly to WDFW, via an electronic portal, in writing, or by attending one of 14 open houses being held throughout the State. An open house is scheduled in Pasco on September 25, 2019. Comments regarding the scope of this EIS are due November 1, 2019.



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9:07 a.m. Commissioner Koch opened the Public Hearing for comments to hear testimony for or against the Wolf Environmental Impact Study (EIS).

Commissioner Peck asked a few preliminary questions. Clarification on the (NEPA) National Environmental Policy Act and the (SEPA) State Environmental Policy Act. This action falls under the State action SEPA. Most likely, a National impact study will take place as well.

Lisa Woods is the coordinator for the NEPA/SEPA for this project.

Kent McMullen is in favor of delisting the wolves from the endangered species act. His concern is with the large loss of sheep and cattle and the reticence of the state to pay for the depredation. The numbers have jeopardized the livelihood of the farmers and ranchers. Those in the Northeast counties have suffered severe economic losses.

Commissioner Koch closed the public hearing at 7:10 p.m.

Commissioner Didier has reviewed several Capital Press issues and in almost every one, there is an article of the grey wolf. Washington Fish and Wildlife article stated the lethal removal of the wolf has not prevented the population from growing. A family camping in Canada was attacked and another camper saved them from the wolves, however, the husband needed medical attention from puncture wounds.

Commissioner Didier added up the expenses that was paid out for wolf management and it averages \$19,000.00 per wolf.

He discussed the parasite that wolves carry that his friend contracted through examining wolf fecal matter. The man is in serious condition and is under medical attention.

Commissioner Peck would like to include; 1. Economic impacts and the need for reparations. 2. Threshold for citizen action to protect properties. 3. Geographic distribution controls, specifically address the need to adjust geographic areas that are acceptable for wolves based on human population densities, not just on favorable terrain for wolves.

### 7:21p.m. **Public Comment**

- George Docksteder thanked the Commissioners for holding an evening meeting. He would like to see more than one a month.
- Melanie Ossman voiced her concerns with no center turn lanes on road 68 north of Sandifur Parkway.
- Jeff Ossman also voiced his concerns on the center turn lanes. We need to find out their long-term plan and address this issue.

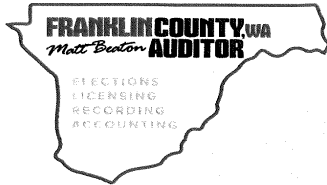
Administrator Keith Johnson can invite the city to a Commissioners meeting and discuss the future plans of road 68 and turn lanes.



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**7:28 p.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**



1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco,  
WA 99301  
509-545-3502

08/27/2019

**Franklin County Commissioners:**

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.  
Action: As of this date, 08/27/2019 *[Signature]*  
Move that the following warrants be approved for payment:  
Certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

Warrants \ Check Numbers:	00351787 - 00352006	\$900,588.15
EFT Check Numbers:	00000254 - 00000266	\$52,970.23
		<u>\$953,558.38</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$608,601.74
AUDITOR O & M	\$670.83
TREASURER O & M	\$1,172.99
TRIAL COURT IMPROVEMENT	\$438.40
BOATING SAFETY	\$4,868.18
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$5,000.00
DARE FUND SHERIFF	\$2,803.52
ENHANCED 911	\$2,309.07
COUNTY ROADS	\$227,713.72
SOLID WASTE	\$48.32
LAW LIBRARY	\$10,546.76
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$795.35
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$12,645.67
FC PUBLIC FACILITIES CONST FND	\$3,000.00
THE HAPO CENTER	\$7,424.56
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$10,697.19
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$54,822.08

In the amount of: \$953,558.38

The motion was seconded by: *[Signature]*

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: *[Signature]*

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy:  
Matt Beaton

Vouchers Audited By:  
Peter Gadomskiy

[www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor](http://www.co.franklin.wa.us/auditor)

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of August 27, 2019 for payment totaling \$953,558.38. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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**7:30 p.m. Approval of County Roads and Motor Vehicle Payroll**





1016 N 4th Ave, Pasco,  
WA 99301  
509-545-3502

August 27, 2019

Franklin County Commissioners:

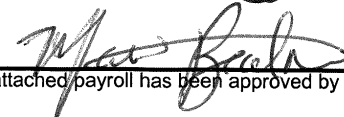
Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims certified by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing, which has been sent to the board members.

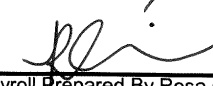
Action: As of this date, August 27, 2019   
moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
<b>County Roads</b>		
Net Payroll Checks	00351537-00351538	\$ 1,922.91
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00020609-00020647	57,265.80
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00351547-00351559	93,311.74
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 152,500.45</u></b>
 <b>Motor Vehicle</b>		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00020604-00020608	6,861.58
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00351539-00351546	11,360.30
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 18,221.88</u></b>
 <b>Grand Total All Payrolls</b>		<b><u>\$ 170,722.33</u></b>

In the total amount of **\$170,722.33** (\$152,500.45 + \$18,221.88)

The motion was seconded by  and passed by a vote of 3 to 0.

  
The attached payroll has been approved by Auditor or Deputy

  
Payroll Prepared By Rosa Gomez

❖ **Commissioner Peck moved to approve County Roads and Motor Vehicle Payroll totaling \$ 170,722.33. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.**



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## 7:30 p.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2019-265 Contract between Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council and Career Path Services for Youth Program Services
2. Resolution 2019-266 Contract between Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council and Career Path Services for Adult Program Services
3. Resolution 2019-267 Contract between Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Council and Career Path Services for Dislocated Worker Program Services
4. Resolution 2019-268 Presenting Michael Lee for Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Board of Directors
5. Resolution 2019-269 Presenting Amanda Jones for Benton-Franklin Workforce Development Board of Directors
6. Resolution 2019-270 Professional Services Contract with Trinity Orosco for Indigent Representation in Franklin County District Court Arraignments
7. Resolution 2019-271 Professional Services Contract with Justin Andrews for Indigent Representation in Franklin County District Court for Conflict and Bindover Case Appointments
8. Resolution 2019-272 Professional Services Contract with Justin Andrews for Indigent Representation in Franklin County District Court for Arraignments
9. Resolution 2019-273 Professional Services Contract with Justin Andrews for Indigent Representation in Franklin County Superior Court for Appeal Appointments
10. Resolution 2019-274 Armored Car Service

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Didier seconded with discussion on #10. After discussion, the motion carried.*

## 7:32 p.m. **Administration Office Business**

Discussion on the Juvenile Justice medical services contract with Administrator Darryl Banks. Mr. Banks put out a request for proposal (RFP) and only received one from Benton Franklin Health District. Their insurance provider does not provide adequate insurance for incarcerated facilities, and they are not able to continue their services after September 1, 2019. They have purchased additional insurance, which added an additional \$36,000 to cover until December 2020. Administrator Keith Johnson proposed going forward with this option now and send out another RFP next year for the following year.

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2019-275, Awarding Benton Franklin Health District a Professional Services Contract to Provide Medical Services to Youth in Detention. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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Administrator Keith Johnson gave a background of Resolution 2019-276 requesting Interfund transfer of \$107,244 from Franklin County Reserve Fund to the Boating Safety Fund under a short-term interfund loan. The terms require the county to purchase the boat then receive a reimbursement (grant funds) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/FEMA.

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Resolution 2019-276, interfund loan in the amount of \$107,244 from the 2019 Franklin County Reserve Fund #100, to the Franklin County Boating Safety Fund #130. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

Mr. Johnson gave an overview of the County p-cards. They are customary to government use and work similar to a credit card. Department heads would oversee who is obtaining them and receipts would be required on all purchases. A limit is placed on the card in the efforts reduce the amount of risk to the county. Other precautions have been added to insure cards are not misused.

Mr. Johnson is meeting with representatives from the Veterans Opportunity Center; they are affiliated with Community Action Connections (CAC). They are interested in leasing the former detox center on South 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Discussion on placing an ATM at the HAPO Center.

September 3, 2019 Commissioners Meeting will be canceled.

Mr. Johnson is attending a Tribal relations conference next week.

Commissioner Didier related a positive comment from a citizen on the new Road 68 Bridge.

**Adjourn**

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

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Chair

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Clerk of the Board

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Date