



FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 14, 2020

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9:00 a.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Robert Koch called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting to order at 9:00 a.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 and Member Clint Didier. Chair Pro Tem Brad Peck was present telephonically.

9:01 a.m. Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants

04/14/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing office by RCW 42.24.088 expense reimbursement claims.
Action: As of this date, 04/14/2020
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.

Table with 2 columns: Warrants \ Check Numbers, EFT Check Numbers and Amounts. Total amount: \$590,089.88

Table with 2 columns: Fund Expenditures, Amount Issued. Lists various categories like CURRENT EXPENSE, AUDITOR O & M, etc.

In the amount of: \$590,089.88

The motion was seconded by: [Signature]

And passed by a vote of: 3 to [Signature]

Reviewed by the County Administrator: [Signature]

The attached vouchers have been approved by Auditor or Deputy: Jeff Burckhard

Vouchers Audited By: Peter Gadomskiy



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- ❖ *Commissioner Didier moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of April 14, 2020 for payment totaling \$590,089.88. Commissioner Peck seconded and the motion carried.*

9:01 a.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2020-092 Treasurer Accounting Specialist
2. Resolution 2020-093 Initiating CRP 626-Safety-Eltopia West Railroad Crossing
3. Resolution 2020-094 Initiating CRP 627-Glade North Rehabilitation I
4. Resolution 2020-095 PP_LAA CRP 626-Safety-Eltopia West Railroad Crossing
5. Resolution 2020-096 PP_LAA CRP 627-Glade North Rehabilitation I
6. Resolution 2020-097 LAA-01 De-obligate Glade North Overlay III 608

- ❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda items 1-6. Commissioner Didier moved to remove items #2 and #4 for separate discussion. Commissioner Peck amended the motion to pull items #2 and #4 for separate discussion. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

- ❖ *Commissioner Didier was concerned with the width of the guardrails, and whether it would allow farm equipment to pass through without damage. After discussion, Commissioner Koch asked that items #2 and #4 be held till the next meeting in order to review and discuss items with the Public Works Director and the Railroad.*

9:06 a.m. **Administration Office Business**

- Administrator Keith Johnson addressed the Board with a few updates on the COVID-19 with regards to the county. We are still operating, however, public access is limited. Business can be done by phone, online or by calling and making an appointment.
- There has been a short supply of personal protective equipment, particularly facemasks. The public has been kind enough to donate a few home sewn masks and we received other donations to equip our employees who interact with the public.
- The Governor has ordered a Stay-at-Home order until May 4, 2020. The County will be submitting an updated resolution to correlate with this order.
- Mr. Johnson requested direction from the Commissioners of what they would like him to respond to, and to whom he should address the concerns. Either the Governor or WSAC.
- Mr. Johnson is working with Human Resources Director Carlee Nave to incorporate the Federal Family First COVID-19 Response Act.



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- Mr. Johnson has been working with Treasurer Josie Koelzer on property tax collections. Ms. Koelzer is working with individuals that are challenged in paying their taxes.
- Commissioner Peck thanked Mr. Johnson for coordinating with the other taxing districts. He also acknowledged the Treasurer's excellent work with individuals who have a challenge in meeting their tax obligations.
- Commissioner Koch asked if the Commissioners are planning to draft a letter to the Governor to open construction to the Homebuilders. Mr. Johnson would draft a letter and have Commissioner Koch sign it.
- Commissioner Didier agreed that we needed to send a letter to the Governor in support of the Homebuilders. He also would like to address opening the fishing, hunting, parks and trails.
- Commissioner Peck expressed his concerns about any letter that is written, be void of criticism, as it has proven counterproductive with this administration. He does not understand the shutting down of hunting and fishing. He would like a letter to mention that the State's Park and Wildlife system benefit greatly from the revenue generated by licensing. He also supports the Homebuilders letter. Commissioner Peck suggested sending individual letters instead of joining other counties to get a better response. From his previous experience, multiple letters make a better impression than one letter with multiple signatures.
- Public Works Director Matt Mahoney addressed the Board with the information on the Railroad Crossings and will obtain more information this week.

9:38 a.m. **Public Comment**

- Amy McCue is concerned with civil unrest that is starting to happen and would like to get our county back to work. She is also concerned about the public being able to pay their taxes. Not being able to fish is another concern. Will farm workers be able to come in a process crops and what about housing for them? Concerned about the newer reflector strips that are getting broken along the roadways.
- Jordan Reed moves equipment across 395 and wondered when the state was going to finish the roadwork so he can move his equipment. (Administrator responded that it is a state project).
- Dave McCue is concerned with getting labor in to work the crops and he was supportive of opening up the county and getting our businesses back to work.
- Merle Booker expressed his concerns on the railroad crossing and does not believe it should be narrowed. He does not understand why the safety cones are still at 395 when they are not working the road. He supports the opening the county as soon as possible.



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Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date

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