



**FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AND PUBLIC HEARING
FEBRUARY 25, 2020**

The Minutes of the Board of Commissioners proceedings are not verbatim. Access to an electronic audio recording of meetings are available on the Franklin County website or upon request.

9:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commission Chairman Robert Koch called the Franklin County Commissioners' Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing 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

***** AV Capture Video recording did not record*****

7:01 p.m. **Approval of Fund Expenditure Warrants**

02/25/2020

Franklin County Commissioners:

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer by RCW 42.24.080, expense reimbursement claims.

Action: As of this date, 02/25/2020

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.

Warrants \ Check Numbers:	00357951 - 00358076	\$496,141.30
EFT Check Numbers:	00000415 - 00000428	\$44,184.31
		<u>\$540,325.61</u>

Fund Expenditures	Amount Issued
CURRENT EXPENSE	\$347,206.18
AUDITOR O & M	\$585.40
CRIME VICTIMS WITNESS	\$3,190.12
JAIL COMMISSARY	\$4,406.28
ENHANCED 911	\$3,777.62
COUNTY ROADS	\$88,243.05
SOLID WASTE	\$3,039.83
VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	\$803.90
ENDING HOMELESSNESS	\$15,764.99
THE HAPO CENTER	\$44,624.66
FRANKLIN COUNTY RV PARK	\$1,181.49
MOTOR VEHICLE	\$27,502.09

In the amount of: \$540,325.61

The motion was seconded by: Clint Didier

And passed by a vote of: 3 to 0

Reviewed by the County Administrator: Jeff Burckhard

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

Vouchers Audited By:
Peter Gadomskiy



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❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve Fund Expenditures audited and certified by the auditing officer for warrants prepared for the week of February 25, 2020 for payment totaling \$540,325.61. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*

7:01 p.m. Approval of Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll

February 25, 2020

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.

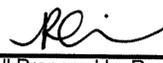
Action: As of this date, February 25, 2020 
moves that the following warrants be approved for payment.

<u>FUND</u>	<u>WARRANT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary Clearing Payroll:		
Net Payroll Checks	00357649	1,401.11
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00024557-00024834	472,646.85
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00357667-00357685	505,402.06
	Total	\$ 978,048.91
Emergency Mgmt Payroll:		
Net EFT Payroll Checks	00024553-00024556	\$ 7,465.44
Deduction and Contribution Checks	00357650-00357666	12,320.90
	Total	\$ 19,786.34
	Grand Total All Payrolls	\$ 997,835.25

In the total amount of **\$997,835.25** (\$978,048.91 + \$19,786.34)

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 Salary Clearing and Emergency Management Payroll totaling \$997,835.25. Commissioner Didier seconded and the motion carried.*



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7:03 p.m. **Approval of Consent Agenda**

1. Resolution 2020-055 Southeast Aging and Long Term Care
2. 2020 Census Proclamation

❖ *Commissioner Peck moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Didier seconded with discussion on the 2020 Census. After discussion, the motion carried.*

7:01 p.m. **PUBLIC HEARING- Basin City Water and Sewer District-Public Works**

Public Works Director Matt Mahoney explained that the public hearing is a requirement of the Grant received on behalf of the Basin City Water and Sewer District's Leon Drive and Estella Drive Waterline Replacement Project. The public hearing provides an opportunity for the public to give comments on the use of the funds and the project as a whole.

Commissioner Koch opened the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Hearing no comments, Commissioner Koch closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.

❖ *The Commissioners were in consensus for Public Works to close out the project in accordance to the applicable statutes.*

7:23 p.m. **Washington State Auditor's Office Exit Conference**

Tina Watkins, Assistant Director of Local Audit for the Washington State Auditor's Office provided information on the purpose of an Exit Conference. Three recording levels are Findings (high level), Management Letter (medium level), and Exit Items (low level).

Teresa Modrell, Audit Lead for Franklin County explained the process of how information is gathered for an audit. There were two management letters on cost allocation and payroll disbursements. The County is committed to resolving those matters.

Manager of the Tri-Cities Office of the State Auditor's Office Ginny Waltman wrapped up the exit conference with the following statement. In most areas we audited, County operations complied with applicable requirements and provided adequate safeguarding of public resources. The County also complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures in most areas we examined.

7:39 p.m. ***Redistricting Public Hearing was Canceled Due to Insufficient Posting Requirements.***

7:40 p.m. **Public Comment**

- Ashley Gerhard supports the feasibility study on a treatment facility. She wanted to know why the Public Hearing on Redistricting was canceled. Administrator Keith Johnson replied that posting requirements were not sufficient, as it was not posted in the Spanish language.



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- Matt Morrell asked if there was any misuse of travel in the Auditor exit. Commissioner Koch answered no.
- Jeffery Robinson supports the feasibility study on a treatment facility. He preferred redistricting map 4.
- Gabriel Portugal thanked the Board for putting off the Public Hearing on redistricting until the Spanish community could weigh in. He preferred map 4.
- Rob Heston did not support the separation of the bi-county court system.
- Lawanda Hatch did not agree with the redistricting according to the RCW. She supports redistricting after the census.
- James Gimenez asked that the redistricting be fair to all citizens not just those in the city limits.
- John Louge supports the feasibility study on a treatment facility.
- Fred Curry was concerned about representation with redistricting.
- Caroline Bowdish preferred redistricting map 4.
- George Dockstader thanked the Board for having a night meeting. He also supports a feasibility study on a treatment facility. He did not approve of redistricting map 4.
- Steve Bauman concerned with the sewer basin between the city and county. He supports the feasibility study. He encouraged the Board to have more night meetings.
- Jan Connolly thanked the Board for having night meetings. She supports the redistricting and would like to see the lines drawn so that everyone is represented equally.
- Commissioner Peck addressed the public about his reservations on the feasibility study and its lack of information included in the study. He wanted to be assured that the study would include an environmental review of hazards in the building. He is in support of the feasibility study, and would even offer to pay more for it if it is warranted. However, he would like to see a detailed description of what the study includes before spending county money.
In regards to redistricting, the Commissioners serve the entire county not just their districts. Commissioners need to step up and fix the problem. He agreed that there needs to be more night meetings.
- Commissioner Didier discussed his concerns on redistricting prior to the census being completed and the RCW's that coincide with the issue. He also was not satisfied with the legal counsel given for the I-976 car tabs.



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- Attorney Shawn Sant rebutted on the car tab matter. He felt he was working in the best interest of Franklin County. He did not say it was unlawful to be a participant; however, he was giving legal advice in order to avoid costly litigation and adverse effects to the county.
- Gabriel Portugal stated the CLC notice is a letter to inform the county that in 180 days litigation will be coming your way.
- John Louge stated the reason we did not join in as an interested party to the \$30 car tabs was that it was deemed unlawful during a previous meeting. He was in the room and part of the discussion when this was stated.
- Jeffery Robinson recognized Shawn Sant as a good man and appreciated the sacrifice he endures in his duties.
- Lawanda Hatch reread the RCW and stated the redistricting rules are clearly written. Her concerns are farmers who have two representatives whereas the city has three representatives.
- Matt Beaton, County Auditor mentioned the redistricting discussion has come up a number of times. He would like to make sure the process is performed correctly so that everyone is included and treated fairly.
- John Louge asked that the meeting be held in a larger room to accommodate everyone.
- Commissioner Didier and Commissioner Peck encouraged everyone to get out and vote in the primary.

Adjourn

With no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Chair

Clerk of the Board

Date